



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held February 6, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“In the United States nearly 200,000 African-Americans have died from AIDS, and in Los Angeles County, African-Americans represent 10% of the population, but comprise an estimated 24% of all confirmed HIV/AIDS cases, and 25% of recent AIDS cases. In a recent study in Los Angeles County, a high proportion of African-American men had undetected HIV infection, which demands a heightened response to HIV/AIDS in the African-American community by calling for coordinated and decisive action from health departments and the communities they serve.

“National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) was established in 2000 to create a vehicle for all efforts in the fight against HIV/AIDS and to come together to create a meaningful and unified response that ultimately reduces new infections and ensures access to quality care and treatment for individuals with HIV/AIDS.

“The 2008 theme for NBHAAD ‘Get Educated, Get Tested and Get Involved’ calls for us to be proactive collectively and as individuals to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS by cultivating a deeper understanding of the needs and concerns of African-Americans; and to strengthen collaboration with African-American communities, including community meetings, internal action planning, large scale collaboration with community stakeholders and specially designed programs and initiatives, thus educating our communities about the risk of infection and to disseminate information on how to prevent the spread of HIV, by getting tested and encouraging others to get tested, and getting involved in the cause by creating an environment where people feel empowered to take responsibility for themselves and others by confronting HIV/AIDS in the African-American community.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke , seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board proclaimed February 7, 2008 as "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" throughout Los Angeles County; and urged a renewed commitment to action to all levels of government and in the general population against the devastation of HIV infection in the African-American community.

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- Chief Executive Officer
- County Counsel
- Director of Public Health
- Director of Health Services
- Executive Director, Commission on HIV